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town. He added that, if necessary, a portion of the expenditure, which however should be very small, might be levied from the people to whom the wells were a convenience.

Lastly, he said that water was not being let into the tanks of the town when the fields lay fallow. The water in the tanks was necessary for human purposes also. He requested that the Irrigation Department should be instructed to make arrangements to keep all the important tanks within the town well-supplied with water from the respective feeder channels throughout the year.

Dewan's reply.—The Chief Engineer will be asked to report on the whole question of the water-supply to the town of Nagercoil.

102. The necessity for a public market at Colachel.

Mr. R. Taylor (Member, T. I. C., Colachel) said that there was the pressing need of a central public market under proper control on a sanitary site in the town of Colachel. There were now two small private markets, one situated close to the beach and the other in the heart of the Chetty part of the town. Both the sites, he said, were unsuitable for a market, as they were insanitary and had not adequate room for the people who congregated there. He thanked the Government, on behalf of his Committee, for the grant of a site for a public market for three years, and he requested the Government to make the tenure permanent, so that the Committee might lay out money on it in erecting the necessary sheds, etc. A good central market would be a great improvement to the town, a benefit to the inhabitants, a reform much needed from a sanitary point of view, and a source of income to the Committee. He said that Wednesday and Saturday were proposed as the market days.

The present site was excellent for a market with but one drawback, and that was the absence of a suitable well, which was so very necessary for every market for washing and other purposes. The Member therefore requested that, as the funds of the Committee now would not warrant the expenditure for the sinking of a well, the Government should kindly see their way to grant a special allotment for the same.

Dewan's reply.—The land will be granted *permanently* to the Town Improvement Committee, so that they may erect the necessary sheds.

103. Trivandrum sanitation, its shortcomings, and certain suggestions for its improvement.

Mr. S. N. Krishna Iyer, B. A. & B. L. (Member, T. I. C., Trivandrum) said that certain sanitary requirements of an indispensable character for the town of Trivandrum were pressed on the attention of the Government by himself at the last Assembly ; but as the Government had done nothing in that direction, he was forced to reiterate some of them, even at the risk of repetition.

(1) *Road-watering.*—The watering of roads was an important sanitary measure. It prevented the undue wear of the roads ; it cooled the atmosphere and stopped clouds of decaying refuse being distributed. On referring to a good many Municipalities outside the State, he learnt that road-

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